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Questions and Answers

Community representatives take part in one of last week's Birmingham Educational Conference sessions at Groves High School as Daniel Nesbitt, deputy superintendent of schools, and Kenneth Meade, chairman of the Citizens' Curriculum Study Steering Committee, answer questions during Tuesday night's question and answer period. The Citizens' Curriculum Study Committee report, consisting of 54 recommendations appraising the Birmingham school system, was presented by Meade prior to the discussion period.

Sewage Plant Included In Arts Festival Plans

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The initial public unveiling of the former Birmingham sewage disposal plant, partially deeded out for its new function as an art center, is scheduled to be simultaneous with the Birmingham Arts Festival, June 17 through 24.

The 4th annual Arts Festival will also initiate the awarding of prizes for artists' entries and a one-day tour of major Birmingham-Bloomfield artists' studios.

Plans for the events were made last week by an Arts Festival committee headed by Albert deSalle of 355 Manor Road, Bloomfield Township. The deSalle group will handle the staging of all displays and demonstrations of artists' and craftsmen's work at the Festival.

Their assigned art material in an arrangement considered outstanding.

In charge of the window committee this year are Lillian (Mrs. John) Hoppin and Kathie (Mrs. F. Chalmers) Smith. Roger Crispell is chairman of the aims and awards committee.

Ten major artists will open their studio working areas to visitors during the one-day studio tour to be initiated with the 4th annual Festival.

HEADING UP plans for the tour and other special exhibits is Mary (Mrs. John E.) Beard.

An almost continuous program of all types of artistic work in

progress—from ceramics to painting and sculpture—is being planned by the demonstrations committee headed by co-chairmen Malcolm Moran and Don Bulry.

A SCHOOLS and educational committee which will put special emphasis on children's work is being directed by Betty (Mrs. James) Conn and Glen Michaels, Mrs. J. Vinton (Kathleen) Birch is chairman of the Festival Art Market which will handle sale of exhibited works and the products of the demonstrations.

Mrs. George Hill, Jr. is chairman of posters and banners, while Barbara Broock is arts committee secretary.

MRS. C. A. HALL, 20730 Kenosaw, Beverly Hills, is chairman of the Bloomfield Art Association House Exhibit which will be the first activity in the BAA's newly-acquired quarters, according to deSalle. By Arts Festival time the Association expects to have completed the task of de-odorization, filling in sludge tanks and a portion of the remodeling of the former sewage plant on Cranbrook Road near Lincoln.

The art exhibit scheduled there will be titled "Work in Progress" and will show consecutive steps in formulation of their works by at least four outstanding artists.

THE MOVE to establish awards and prizes for artists' entries in the 1961 festival's exhibitions, "will attract a high-quality level of entries," deSalle said.

"It will help us to build the festival's reputation for the future," deSalle added. "Good artists will be encouraged to send their best things."

Even local business establishments will be rewarded for excellence in fulfilling their annual Arts Festival role. Annually, the stores display Michigan artists' paintings in their windows, to add to the city's picture-gallery look during the Arts Festival. For the first time, in 1961, stores will be judged on the manner in which they exhibit paintings they have been assigned.

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2 Programs Highlight Nat'l Library Week

Baldwin Public Library will present two feature programs in observance of National Library Week April 16-22.

One program, "Opera Preview," will feature daily presentations of opera recordings by Detroit's 1961 Metropolitan Opera.

The other program will be a showing of the new color film extravaganza, "Wonderful World," at the Friends of the Library's annual meeting at 8:15 p.m. on April 25.

THE SEVEN operas, which are scheduled for Detroit appearance next month, will be played in the library auditorium. In addition, a special opera display in the Adult Reading Room will include a newly compiled list of recordings and books.

The recordings include: Monday at 9:45 a.m., "Turandot" (Puccini); Tuesday at 9:45 a.m., "Martha" (von Flotow); Wednesday at 9:45 a.m., "Rigoletto" (Verdi); Thursday at 9:45 a.m., "Nabucco" (Verdi); Friday at 9:45 a.m., "Aida" (Verdi); Saturday at 9:45 a.m., "La Boheme" (Puccini); and Saturday at 2 p.m., "La Traviata" (Verdi).

THE FILM, which covers scenes of people and places in 31 different countries, is a gift to the community from the Friends of the Library.

Said to be one of the most ambitious projects yet undertaken by American industry, the Jam Handy production compares with any similar film ever produced, including Hollywood's most elaborate productions, according to James L. Cameron, Jr., president of the Friends of the Library.

Three film crews travelled almost 175,000 miles, shooting over 40,000 feet of film (the equivalent of seven miles) to create "Wonderful World."

Coffee Break Time Features Doll Talk

Mrs. Walter A. Wagner, Detroit, past president of the National Federation of Doll Collectors, will be guest speaker April 18 at Coffee Break Talk Time at Showcase, Inc., 136 Brownell.

Mrs. Wagner will show films and display dolls that cover a period of two and a half centuries.

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